

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of each claim in the present application is listed below.

Claim 1: (Canceled).

2. (Previously Presented) A lacquer composition comprising:

- (1) from 20 to 80 wt. % of a polymer composition comprising polyesters, polyacrylates, polymethacrylates, mixtures or copolymers thereof;
- (2) from 0.5 to 25 wt. % of a silanized, structurally modified pyrogenic silica having attached to the surface thereof hexadecylsilyl groups;
- (3) from 0 to 80 wt. % of one or more solvents; and
- (4) from 0 to 10 wt. % of an additive.

Claims 3-5: (Canceled).

6. (Previously Presented) The lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein said polymer composition comprises polymers having pendant functionalized hydroxyl groups capable of crosslinking.

7. (Previously Presented) The lacquer composition according to claim 6, wherein said polymer composition comprises two or more crosslinked copolymers.

Claims 8-10: (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) The lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein said solvent is present and is selected from the group consisting of hydrocarbons, alcohols, esters, ketones, amides, borates, silanes, water, and mixtures thereof.

12. (Previously Presented) The lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein said solvent is present and is selected from the group consisting of aromatic hydrocarbons, aliphatic hydrocarbons, araliphatic hydrocarbons, cycloaliphatic hydrocarbons, halogenated hydrocarbons, methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, butanol, benzyl alcohol, diacetone alcohol, ethyl acetate, propyl acetate, butyl acetate, methoxypropyl acetate, butyl glycol acetate, phosphoric acid dibutyl ester, phosphoric acid tributyl ester, sulfonic acid esters, acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone, cyclohexanone, N,N-dimethylformamide, N,N-dimethylacetamide, dimethyl sulfoxide, N-methylpyrrolidone, tetraethoxysilane, methyl-trimethoxysilane, 3-aminopropyl-trimethoxysilane, 3-aminopropyl-triethoxysilane, glycidyloxypropyl-trimethoxysilane, glycidyloxypropyl-triethoxysilane, borates, water, and mixtures thereof.

13. (Previously Presented) The lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein said additive is present and includes additives selected from the group consisting of rheologic agents, stabilization agents, dispersability agents, deagglomeration agents, flowability agents, fillers, and pigments.

Claims 14-17: (Canceled).

18. (Previously Presented) The lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein said polymer composition is present in an amount of from 35 to 70 wt. %.

19. (Previously Presented) The lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein said silanized, structurally modified pyrogenic silica is present in an amount of from 1 to 25 wt. %.

20. (Previously Presented) The lacquer composition according to claim 2, wherein said silanized, structurally modified pyrogenic silica is present in an amount of from 2 to 10 wt. %.

Claims 21 and 22: (Canceled).